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DURHAM, N.H. -- Want the best garden in the neighborhood and a lush green lawn this spring? Want to be environmentally responsible in your use of fertilizer materials?

Then, have your soil tested as soon as possible. The University of New Hampshire Analytical Services lab is well-equipped to test soil samples and provide lime and fertilizer recommendations appropriate to your need.

The lab, located in the Spaulding Life Science Center on the UNH campus, tests soil samples for researchers, homeowners, farmers, commercial growers and golf courses.

Soil samples can be submitted in person, by mail or through the UNH Cooperative Extension office in each county. Mail submission is best since the Spaulding Life Science Center has limited parking and is difficult to find.

Two complete soil test packages are offered for homeowners:

1. Organic Gardening (pH, nutrients and organic matter) \$17.00
2. Standard Gardening (pH, nutrients) \$12.00

The Home Grounds and Gardens Form includes information on taking a good soil sample, and can be obtained by visiting the Cooperative Extension web site <http://ceinfo.unh.edu> and clicking on 'Agricultural Resources' and 'Plants,' or by calling 603-862-3210. Soil testing forms can also be obtained from local county Cooperative Extension offices.

The laboratory staff will analyze soil samples for pH and nutrient content and provide computer generated lime and fertilizer recommendations for specific crop needs. Most samples are analyzed and the results are reported the next two working days following submission to the lab. If an Email address is supplied, test results will

arrive on the same day they are completed.

For further information contact the Soil Testing Lab at the Analytical Services Lab, Spaulding Life Science Center, 38 College Road, Durham, NH 03824, telephone 603-862-3210 or at Soil.Testing@unh.edu or at the Extension web site <http://ceinfo.unh.edu>. The lab is open M-F, 7:30-12:00, 1:00-4:00 except on recognized UNH holidays.

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